

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Page 7, Lines 9-11 with the following sentence rewritten in amendment format:

In the preheating chamber 1, a temperature sensor 9 is provided for issuing a temperature signal to a temperature controller 10.

Please replace Page 7, Lines 30-33 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format.

Also, a speed of the conveyor device 5 such as a conveyor for continuously transporting the articles 11 through these chambers 1, 2, 3 and 4 is controlled by a conveyor controller ~~not shown~~ 10a.